283. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government kindly say:—

(a) how many warranted Scout Masters there are now ;
(b) whether any warrants were actually issued till now ;
(c) whether they were cancelled ; and if so,
(d) whose; and
(e) why?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) None.
(b) No.
(c), (d) and (e) Do not arise.

284. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to say:—

(a) how many tender foot, 2nd class and 1st class troops are there at present ;
(b) how many proficiency badges were given till now ;
(c) to whom; and
(d) on what grounds?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) Not clear.
(b) None.
(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rural Re-construction Committee.

285. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which they received the resolutions of this Council regarding the appointment of a Rural Re-construction Committee;

(2) will they be further pleased to state at what stage of consideration the matter is at present ;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state what amounts were realised by the sale products from the Ollukkara Farm and Vyttila Cocoanut Station ;

(4) and will they also be pleased to state the amount of money spent on these stations for maintaining them for carrying on operations in them including the pay of the staffs attached to them in the year 1104 ;

(5) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the starting of model Farms in the various taluks of the State in the year 1104?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) 14th August 1928.

(2) The resolution was accepted by the Government. A report about the terms of reference and other details in regard to the working of the Committee was called for and has been submitted by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats

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on 24th July, 1929. The orders on the subject will be issued shortly.

(3) Central Farm Rs. 11,098—3—7. Cocoanut Station Rs. 2,033—5—0.

(4) *Central Farm.*

Maintenance	Rs.	21,711—1—8
Establishment	,,	6,863—7—8
Total		28,524—9—4

Cocoanut Station.

Maintenance	Rs.	1,622—6—0
Establishment	,,	975—12—4
Total		2,598—2—4

The figures are for the first 11 months of 1104.

(5) The resolution was passed by the Council in Vrischigam 1104. No funds were provided for this in 1104. The opening of model Farms in all the taluks of the State involves a good deal of capital expenditure in the beginning and a recurring expenditure afterwards; th matter is being considered by the Government in detail.

Condition of Roads.

286. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the present unsatisfactory condition of most of the roads in the State;

(b) what is the total amount budgetted for maintenance of roads this year;

(c) and what is the actual amount spent out of the allotted sum till 1st Mithunam 1104;

(d) what are the roads through which the Diwan and the Chief Engineer travelled in June last;

(e) how did they find the condition of each of the roads travelled by them;

(f) if they found the condition unsatisfactory, what urgent action was taken to set them right?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No. On the other hand, Government consider that the condition of most of the roads in the State is very satisfactory.

(b) Rs. 1,62,468 under Public Works, and Rs. 12,290 under Panchayats.

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